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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 24	19		1 st Aust Div H.Q. arrive St Sylvester Cappel	Cold day rain
P.22. C.2. 4	4 18		little sleet. 6 O.R. arrive for Catapiller parks. No 13964 Dor Brown H. wounded H.C. continues duty Lorry damaged by same shell	
	20 4 18		Cold little sleet & snow. heavy arty fire Report to Col Tunbridge D.M.T.S. A.I.F. at 2 nd Army H.Q. request that 2 cycles be attached to unit so that officers could go round batteries & ammunition dumps to inspect work & personnel. This was arranged & Maj Hertlotz was to detail 2 cycles through 9 th Corps discussed with Col Tunbridge various details in connect- ion with the 2 units forming up to take over from British personnel moonlight clear night many bombs dropped on roads & round camp. heavy arty fire along front.	Charles J. Gordon Maj

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Sheet 27 P. 22 C. 2. 4	21 4 18		Fine warm 1 st Aust M.T. Coy arrive St Sylvester Cappel moved Park to make room on road for vehicles the road being very congested, enemy planes over observing expect road to be shelled. roads in Castle Stenwarden & East area shelled		
	22 4 18		wet & cold. enemy shell St Sylvester Cappel 5-2 shell H.E. & shrapnel put over cross roads. 10pm motor parks clearing out belonging to British units heavy arty fire	<i>Stanley J. Goddard</i>	
	23 4 18		Enemy shell village, planes machine gun roads few casualties, squad enemy prisoners pass through looking very poor, young. planes (enemy) fly low along main Canal St Sylvester & drop many bombs.		

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Sheet 27 P.22 C.2.4	24 4/18		8 th Corps take over from 9 th Corps. Enemy shell roads & village first shell hit church at 5pm heavy shelling along front all night	
"	25 4/18		Many bombs dropped by enemy few shells in village Heavy shells fall near camp & along park. celebrated Augas day with a concert at night for the men. Receive orders from C. Siege Park to remove park to a safer locality	Study J. L. ... may
"	26 4/18		Moved out to new camp site Sheet 27. O.17. D. 3.2 took over camp of gas school 2 nd army which was found empty. excellent site roads suitable for park but traffic requires control on account of narrow road. wet night reported Germans captured Kemmel	
"	27 4/18			

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Sheet 27	25		raining, roads greasy. French troops great numbers moving up, roads very congested	
A.D. 0.17	4		heavy acty fire, enemy shells roads in area heavily, sharpnel burst over camp.	Cmaj
D. 3.2	18		personnel on 1 st & 2 nd A. S. Bde Amm Cols changed & the men given rest	
			Baths arranged at Cassel & men paraded twice weekly in parties of 75. no change of clothing available	

Stanley J. Townsend Cmaj

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Shut 27 O. 17. D. 3. 2.	29 4 18		<p>Heavy rain, enemy shell roads near Cassel with heavy shells. terrific bombardment on our immediate front enemy reported to have taken Rocre. Trench troops & artillery pass. on the road to the front Lt. F. S. Septon reports for duty of 1st A. S. B. A. C. Cold wet night</p>	
	30 4 18		<p>Dull day few planes over camp 25 lorries received in Park from 2nd Aust Bde Amm. Capt Jatis in charge Roads in area giving way not suitable for motor transport. too narrow & of bad foundation Main paved roads too congested for park standings sidings & standings shown have been provided of good roads, lorries received in neglected condition requiring extensive attention.</p>	<p>Charles J. Downard May</p>

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